Practice by relatives of High Court Judges

2046. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI DHARAMPAL SABHARWAL

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All-India Bar Association has made any representation to Government seeking to expunge Rule 6 from Chapter 2 of Bar Council of India manual which provides that relatives of a High Court Judge can not practice in that High Court, and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Amendment in Constitution to change procedure for appointment of Judges

2047 SHRI E M SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:
SHRI R SHUNMUGASUNDARAM

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are intending to restore the position of sending a Panel for appointment of judges in High Court from the State Government as existed before the Supreme Court Judgement in Indrasahani's case; and

(b) if so, whether an Amendment to the Constitution would be proposed to clarify the judgement and thus reduce the vacancy of Judges in High Court?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Scholarships for SCs/STs

†2048. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision of awarding scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes,

(b) if so, the amount allotted for scholarships during the last three years State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the amount spent out of the said allotted amount?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe students, scholarships are awarded to their respective target groups. Expenditure under these two schemes is borne 100%by Central Government over and above the 'committed liability', which is borne by the State Governments.

Scholarships are also provided up to pre-matric level under the Scheme of Prematric Scholarship to the Children of those engaged in unclean occupations, which includes mostly Scheduled Castes students. Expenditure under this scheme is shared between Central and State Governments on 50:50 basis, over and above the 'committed liability' which is entirely met by the State Governments.

State/UT-wise central assistance released and utilized during last three years, under these schemes is given in Statement-I, II and III.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.